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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CASES MADE TO  
AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS

1. ON JANUARY 18, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INVOKED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH ARA, WHICH FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS HAD AGREED TO, WHEREBY WE WOULD UNDERTAKE REPRESENTATIONS IN SELECTED HUMAN RIGHTS CASES DEEMED URGENT AND REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION. THIS UNDERTAKING FOLLOWED THE KILLING IN ARGENTINA OF MICHELINI AND GUTIERREZ RUIZ. THE CASE RAISED BY AMNESTY CONCERNED JAIME PEREZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. PERE, WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY 1975 AND SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR 18 MONTHS FOR ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO UNDERMINE MORALE IN THE ARMED FORCES. AMNESTY RECEIVED A REPORT FROM JUAN FERREIRA THAT PEREZ WAS RECENTLY REMOVED FROM PRISON AND WAS BEING TORTURED IN AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. AMNESTY  
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REQUESTED THAT WE EXPRESS CONCERN AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF THE GOU.

2. AFTER CONSIDERING VARIOUS OPTIONS, WE DECIDED TO MAKE THE REPRESENTATION TO AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS, PARTLY BECAUSE HE WAS RETURNING TO MONTEVIDEO ON JANUARY 22 FOR CONSULTATIONS. ANOTHER REASON FOR CHOSING THE AMBASSADOR

WAS BECAUSE HE HAD JUST BEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS HIS OWN CONCERN ABOUT SEVERAL BILATERAL ISSUES (STATE 15150), AND THIS OFFERED AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS CASES WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. IN ORDER NOT TO BASE OUR REPRESENTATION ONLY ON JAIME PEREZ, WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWN COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION AND ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF THE REPRESENTATION, WE CHOSE AT RANDOM THREE OTHER CASES TO BRING UP AT THE SAME TIME. THESE INCLUDED ONE OTHER RAISED BY AMNESTY THE SAME DAY, CARLOS FILGUEIRA, DIRECTOR OF A CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND STUDIES ON URUGUAY, REPORTEDLY AN ECLA OFFICE IN SANTIAGO, WHO WAS APPREHENDED BY GOU POLICE ON JANUARY 13 IN MONTEVIDEO; THE CASE OF WALTER GAYOSO (76 STATE 289757 AND MVD 4619), WHOSE MOTHER LIVES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND ABOUT WHOM WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION; AND THE CASE OF LUIGI BAZZANO (STATE 5146 AND MVD 155), WHO HAS A U.S. SPONSOR IF THE GOU WOULD EXILE HIM.

4. THE REPRESENTATION WAS MADE BY ECA DIRECTOR ZIMMERMANN BY TELEPHONE BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY INVOLVED. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT THE AMBASSADOR REPORTED OUR REPRESENTATION TO MONTEVIDEO ALTHOUGH HE WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO.

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5. ON JANUARY 21, CHARLES FLYNN FROM CONGRESSMAN KOCH'S OFFICE, WILLIAM BROWN OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICA, KAY STUBBS FROM CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S STAFF AND WOLA, AND JUAN FERREIRA, CALLED ON THE DESK. FERREIRA REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE WIFE OF JAIME PEREZ AND SHE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT HE MIGHT ALREADY BE DEAD. THE GROUP WAS INFORMED THAT REPRESENTATION WAS MADE TO THE GOU CONCERNING PEREZ ON THE SAME DAY WE LEARNED OF HIS CASE.

6. DURING THE MEETING, FERREIRA REPORTED THAT PEREZ WAS ONE OF THREE PRISONERS REMOVED FROM PUNTA CARRETA JAIL AND TORTURED. THE OTHER TWO RUMORED TO HAVE DIED BY TORTURE AND RETURNED TO THEIR FAMILIES WERE NAMED RAUL FASCIO AND LUIS PORTIA. WILLIAM BROWN CLAIMED THAT 32 PERSONS DIED BY TORTURE IN URUGUAY DURING 1976. HE ADDED, IN HIS GENERAL CONDEMNATION OF THE GOU, THAT THE URUGUAYAN WHO WAS TAKEN FROM THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO, MARIA ELENA QUINTEROS, WAS RECENTLY "SHOWN"

TO THE VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVE TO LAFTA STATIONED IN

MONTEVIDEO.

7. SENATOR GEORGE MC GOVERN, BY LETTER DATED JANUARY 19, HAS ENTERED THE CASE OF JAIME PEREZ. WE WILL INFORM THE SENATOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF PEREZ. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION IT CAN OBTAIN ON THE STATUS OF PEREZ AND INDICATE THAT WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED TO SUPPLEMENT OUR REPLY TO THE SENATOR.  
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